Demand put and carried.

12. Rs. 100 under "13-Registration (P) Refunds"

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move for an additional allotment of Rs. 100 under Refunds—"13—Registration". The existing provision has become insufficiant to meet the requirements. I pray that the amount asked for may be granted.

Demand put and carried

13. Rs. 1,000 under "32-Industries (Reserved) Miscellaneous"

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 under "32 Industries (Reserved) Miscellaneous". This amount is required to meet the cost of the various advertisements published in connection with control articles.

Demand put and carried

14. Rs. 3,154 under "32-Industries (Reserved) A—Direction and Inspection Temporary Establishment"

15. Rs. 158 „ "32-Industries (Reserved) A—Direction and Inspection Temporary Establishment—Leave Allowance"

16. Rs. 952 „ "32-Industries (Reserved) A—Direction and Inspection Temporary Establishment—Dearness Allowance"

17. Rs. 350 „ "32-Industries (Reserved) A—Direction and Inspection Temporary Establishment—Travelling Allowance"

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Sir, I may be allowed to move item Nos. 14, 15. 16 and 17 together.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. C J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Governent):* Sir, I move for additional allotments of Rs. 3,134 under "Temporary Establishment", Rs. 158 under "Leave Allowance", Rs. 952 under "Dearness Allowance" and Rs. 350 under "Travelling Allowance" under '32 Industries". The details of the expenditure are given in the notes placed before the Standing Finance Committee.

Mr K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know who is now discharging the duties of these officers?

Mr. C. J Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Governmet):* The staff of the Director of Industries and Commerce.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Am I to take it that this is a new staff?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretry to Government):* The manager is a person who is already there, but his grade has been increased.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know the function of this inspection staff?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretay to Government):* They have to go round and see whether the paper control orders are being properly administered.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know what they are expected to inspect?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Gvernment):* They have to look whether the various orders under the paper control orders are being strictly complied with by the merchants. Take the case of the newspapers. They have to see that the newspapers are printed only on newsprint and that no other kind of paper is being used. There is a limit to the number of pages which any newspaper can print at a time. Then with regard to the other kinds of papers there is a question of price. Returns have to be received from the various paper merchants and they have to verify the same. Then again calendars, visiting cards, invitation cards, letter heads, etc. all these are controlled one way or other either by the Paper Economy Order or the Papar Distribution Order.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Are the Field Officers entertained now under the Cochin Cotton Yarn Control Order not expected to inspect the stock, etc., of paper?

Mr. President: I do not think that this question arises under this supplementary demand. We are now concerned with paper.

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Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I understand that these officers are now inspecting the stock, etc.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* We are now concerned with the Paper Control Order and under that order the stocks of these licensed shops are being inspected by the Field Officers. Any officer can be empowered under this order to do the function under the paper distribution order. Therefore it would be quite appropriate if a Field Officer is asked to do this work along with other work.

Demands put and carried

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On the indifference shown in the preparation of the Preliminary Electoral Roll

Mr. President: The House will now discuss Mr. Krishna Menon's motion to adjourn the business of the House.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Sir, I rise to move that the Council be now adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance namely the indifference with which the Preliminary Electoral Roll has been prepared and published. Before I dwell upon this motion I feel it my duty to thank the Hon'ble President and the Members of this House for giving me an opportuity to discuss this important subject. Sir, the inauguration of this Hon'ble House connotes the ardent desire on the part of His Highness the Maharaja to associate his loyal subjects in the Government of the State. I may also say that the Preliminary Electoral Roll has its basis the voting capacity of the subjects, and this boon which is a much honoured one has been conspicuously breached so far as the preparation of the recent electroal rolls is concerned. Rule 7 of the Electoral Rules says "An Electoral Roll shall be prepared for every constituency on which shall be entered the name of all persons prima facie entitled to be registered as electors for that constituency. It shall be published in the Gazette together with a notice specifying the mode in which and the time within which any person whose name is not entered in the roll and who claims to have it inserted therein or any person whose name is on the roll and who objects to the inclusion of his own name or of the name of any other person on the roll, may prefer a claim or objection to the Revising Authority". True it is that there is this provision, a glaring provision for making corrections at the proper time. But the use of the word "shall" in that article connotes that prima facie the names of all voters who are entitled to vote shall be found there. I wish to bring to the notice of the Government that there is much indifference. I have no hesitation to use the word "indifference". It is not my idea to cast any slur upon any officer, but the fact remains that when I perused the list for Trichur-North, I was aware that in the last bye-election there were about 3500 names, but this time it comes to 2188 only, if I remember correct. About a thousand and odd names of voters are not found there. Now turning to the Ernakulam constituency, when I examined the Preliminary Electrol Rolls to see whether, Sir George Boag's name was there, I found that it was not there. I am afraid whether the name of the Hon'ble Member for Revenue is on the Electoral Rolls in Trichur-North.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* It is not.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* I again found that in the Trichur Electoral Area the name of Mr. Komatil Achutha Menon was omitted. I reported and the name was got included to be published in the proper place. Sins of omission so far as this matter is concerned Sir, are equally culpable as sins of commission so far as the preparation of the rolls is concerned, I may say that whatever repercussions may ensue in regard to the discussion of this all important subject, it is my duty to bring to the notice of the Government the haphazardness, the indifference, the callousness, I would say, with which this Electoral Roll has been prepared. I am also aware of the difficulties in regard to the staff and the short space of time allowed for the preparation of the Electoral Rolls. Nevertheless, when things have to be done, they have to be done in the most sincere way. Some kind of Electoral Rolls won't do. The names of voters who are entitled to franchise must be there. Simply to have a draft which is meaningless and then to give some room for correction won't do. Of course there is provision for it, but there is not that political consiouness throughout the Cochin State to have all the necessary corrections. We know who the voters are. Also this time the Electoral Roll has not been published in the Gazette. It has become very difficult for everybody to go to the registration officer to verify whether his name is there or not. I have to bring to the notice of the Government the real difficulties the voter is put to. To section 4 of Schedule II, I would just like to draw the attention of the House.

"A person shall be qualified as an elector for a general constituency who.—

(*a*) is a pattadar of the State whose land is charged to any land revenue assessment, or

(*b*) is a State Devaswam tenant holding land charged to any land revenue assessment, or

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